



ADDENDUM TO RFA # 386-06-017;
REPLACING PAGES 11 & 12 IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH THE BELOW.

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This Request for Applications is as per ADS E303.5.4b.

Subject: Request for Applications (RFA) # 386-06-017 - Preparing Disadvantaged Youth for 21st Century Jobs

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for the design and implementation of workforce development project or projects that would enable disadvantaged youth to acquire the skills and certifications needed to secure jobs and/or viable career and employment opportunities in a program for "Preparing Disadvantaged Youth for 21st Century Jobs". The authority for the RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

The Recipient(s) will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objective to "work with public and private sector partners to support the work of private sector, NGO and government partners in establishing, institutionalizing, and replicating approaches and models that will successfully enhance workforce opportunities for youth. USAID hopes to help increase employment among disadvantaged youth in designated geographic areas and enable greater participation in India's dynamic economic growth." Please refer to page 21 of the RFA for a complete statement of goals and expected results.

Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for-profit organizations), may be paid under the grant.

Subject to the availability of funds, USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

For the purposes of this program, this RFA is being issued and consists of this cover letter and the following:

1. Section A - Grant Application Format;
2. Section B - Selection Criteria;
3. Section C – Program Description;
4. Section D - Certifications, Assurances, and Other Statements of Applicant/Grantee;

For the purposes of this RFA, the term "Grant" is synonymous with "Cooperative Agreement"; "Grantee" is synonymous with "Recipient"; and "Grant Officer" is synonymous with "Agreement Officer".

If you decide to submit an application, it should be received by the closing date and time indicated at the top of this cover letter at the place designated below for receipt of applications. Applications and modifications thereof shall be submitted in envelopes with the name and address of the applicant and RFA # (referenced above) inscribed thereon, to:

(By U.S. Mail)
REGIONAL AGREEMENT OFFICER
US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DOS
9000 NEW DELHI PLACE
WASHINGTON DC 20521-9000

(By All Other Means of Delivery)
REGIONAL AGREEMENT OFFICER
US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
US EMBASSY, WEST BUILDING
SHANTIPATH, CHANAKYAPURI
NEW DELHI - 110021.
INDIA

This RFA requests prospects to submit brief (7 page) Concept paper laying out activity ideas, partnerships, and potential leverage, and not a full fledged design (see p. 21 of the RFA). Award will be made to that responsible applicant(s) whose application(s) offers the greatest value.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government, nor does it commit the Government to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. In addition, final award of any resultant grant(s) cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed through internal USAID procedures. While it is anticipated that these procedures will be successfully completed, potential applicants are hereby notified of these requirements and conditions for award. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant; should circumstances prevent award of a cooperative agreement, all preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

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In the event of an inconsistency between the documents comprising this RFA, it shall be resolved by the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) Section II - Selection Criteria;
- (b) Section I - Grant Application Format;
- (c) the Program Description;
- (d) This Cover Letter.

The Administration of awards consequent to this RFA - For U.S. organizations the 22 CFR 226, OMB Circulars and the USAID Standard Provisions will be applicable; and for Non-U.S. organizations, the Standard Provisions contained in the award document will apply.

Any questions concerning this RFA should be submitted in writing to Marcus A. Johnson, Jr., via facsimile at (not authorized) or via internet at indiarco@usaid.gov or marcusjohnson@usaid.gov. If there are problems in downloading the RFA off the INTERNET, please contact the USAID INTERNET Coordinator on (202) 712-4442. Applicants should retain for their records one copy of all enclosures which accompany their application.

Sincerely,

Marcus A. Johnson, Jr.
Regional Agreement Officer
USAID/India